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Can We Hear You Now?

Office of Historic Preservation Seeks Your Input for Inclusion in Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California at Oakland Listening Session, Thursday, April 14, from 6:00-8:00 PM

The Office of Historic Preservation, at work on the next Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California, announces that it will hold a final public listening session, whose participants will help the plan team define and refine the topics and goals appropriate for the next five years. The initial listening session, held in Sacramento, confirmed the belief that listening to the issues and challenges presented by the broadest possible spectrum of people will help the team articulate and implement new activities, goals, and objectives to address those challenges.

Background: OHP is required to review and revise the State Plan every five years as a condition for receiving a grant from the federal Historic Preservation Fund. The State Plan identifies current and emerging historic preservation issues throughout California. At the same time, it establishes the vision, mission, and priorities for the Office of Historic Preservation. It identifies goals and objectives for integrating historic preservation into the broader planning and decision-making at local, regional, and state levels and, finally, identifies preservation partners and their role in accomplishing the State Plan's goals and objectives.

Issues addressed in the 2006 Plan were: strengthen tools and programs related to archaeological resources; implement the California Main Street Program; augment outreach to diverse cultures, including encouraging a broad spectrum of cultures to undertake careers in historic preservation; promote the identification and protection of California's significant cultural landscapes; promote investment in historic resources by promoting heritage tourism; use economic benefits of historic preservation as a tool to stimulate neighborhood investment; improve management and access to historic resources data; integrate preservation planning strategies and programs into broader land use processes; deepen understanding and appreciation of California's heritage among public and professional audiences; and increase awareness, study, and preservation of resources of the recent past.

Oakland Listening Session

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 6:00-8:00 PM
African-American Museum & Library of Oakland
649 14th Street, Oakland

To RSVP for the Oakland session, to be added to the State Plan email list, or ask a question, email the team at calshpo@parks.ca.gov or call (916) 445-7000. For more information about the State Plan process and past California plans, visit www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/stateplan.

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